



## **Texas State Board of Dental Examiners Press Release**

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### **Austin, TX – Texas State Board of Dental Examiners Disciplines 23 Dental Professionals at July Board Meeting**

The mission of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) is to protect the public health and safety and promote high quality and safe dental care by providing enforcement, licensing, peer assistance, and related information services to licensees and their patients.

At its July 14, 2017 meeting, the TSBDE entered disciplinary actions related to 15 dental professionals, remedial actions related to 13 dental professionals and disciplinary actions related to initial licensure/registration of 8 dental professionals.

The TSBDE proposed a new rule pertaining to the Advisory Committee on Dental Anesthesia at the meeting. The full text of the new rule will be published in the *Texas Register* on August 11, 2017.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

#### **FAILURE TO MEET THE STANDARD OF CARE**

##### **Arabzadeh, Ehsanollah, D.D.S., License No. 17246, Spring**

On July 14, 2017, the Board and Ehsanollah Arabzadeh, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a reprimand on his license, and requiring him to within six months pay a \$5,000 administrative monetary fine and complete nine hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: three hours in risk management and record keeping and six hours in implants. The Board found that Dr. Arabzadeh fell below the minimum standard of care in the dental treatment of a patient and he failed to make, maintain, and keep adequate dental records.

##### **Bayless, Alvin, D.D.S., License No. 9476, DeSoto**

On July 14, 2017, the Board and Alvin Bayless, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a reprimand on his license, and requiring him to within six months pay a \$5,000 administrative monetary fine and complete 15 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: 12 hours in risk management and record keeping and three hours in oral surgery. The Board found that Dr. Bayless fell below the minimum standard of care in the dental treatment of a patient and he failed to make, maintain, and keep adequate dental records for four patients.

##### **Butler, Herman, D.D.S., License No. 27562, Dallas**

On July 14, 2017, the Board and Herman Butler, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a warning on his license, and requiring him to pay \$457 in restitution to the patient within 30 days, and to within six months pay a \$3,000 administrative monetary fine and complete 12 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: six hours in risk management and record keeping

and six hours in restorations. The Board found that Dr. Butler fell below the minimum standard of care in the dental treatment of a patient and he failed to make, maintain, and keep adequate dental records.

**Douglas, Stephen, D.D.S., License No. 23296, Tyler**

On July 14, 2017, the Board and Stephen Douglas, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a reprimand on his license, and requiring him to within six months pay a \$3,000 administrative monetary fine and complete nine hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: six hours in risk management and record keeping and three hours in restorations. The Board found that Dr. Douglas fell below the minimum standard of care in the dental treatment of a patient.

**Liska, Michael, D.D.S., License No. 11248, Pleasanton**

On July 14, 2017, the Board and Michael Liska, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a warning on his license, and to within six months pay a \$2,000 administrative monetary fine and complete 21 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: 12 hours in endodontics, six hours in risk management and record keeping and three hours in ethics. The Board found that Dr. Liska fell below the minimum standard of care in the dental treatment of a patient and he failed to make, maintain, and keep adequate dental records.

**Matt, Marykaren, D.D.S., License No. 17150, Bellaire**

On July 14, 2017, the Board and Marykaren Matt, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a reprimand on her license, and requiring her to pay \$6,060 in restitution to the patient within 30 days, and to within six months pay a \$3,000 administrative monetary fine and complete 15 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: six hours in risk management and record keeping, six hours in aesthetic dentistry and three hours in local anesthesia. The Board found that Dr. Matt fell below the minimum standard of care in the dental treatment of a patient and she failed to make, maintain, and keep adequate dental records.

**Scruggs, Charles K., D.D.S., License No. 13026, Texas City**

On July 14, 2017, the Board and Charles Scruggs, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a warning on his license. The Board found that Dr. Scruggs fell below the minimum standard of care in the dental treatment of a patient.

**Stanely, Jennifer, R.D.H., License No. 13111, Rockwall**

On July 14, 2017, the Board and Jennifer Stanley, R.D.H., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a reprimand on her license, and requiring her to within six months pay a \$1,000 administrative monetary fine and complete 12 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: six hours in risk management and record keeping and six hours in laser treatment. The Board found that Ms. Stanley fell below the minimum standard of care in the practice of dental hygiene and she engaged in dishonorable and unprofessional conduct.

**Taylor, Chad, D.D.S., License No. 22577, Houston**

On July 14, 2017, the Board and Chad Taylor, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a reprimand on his license, and to within six months pay a \$2,500 administrative monetary fine and complete 36 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: 24 hours in endodontics and 12 hours in risk management and record keeping. The Board found that Dr. Taylor fell below the minimum standard of care in the dental treatment of a patient and he failed to make, maintain, and keep adequate dental records for a minor patient.

**Treistman, Terry, D.D.S., License No. 16611, Katy**

On July 14, 2017, the Board and Terry Treistman, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a reprimand on his license, and requiring him to within nine months pay \$3,419 in restitution to Patient 1, pay \$4,132 in restitution to Patient 2, pay \$2,068 in restitution to Patient 3, pay \$413 in restitution to Patient 4, pay \$1,259 in restitution to Patient 5, and pay \$1,683 in restitution to Patient 6, and to within nine months complete 33 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: six hours in risk management and record keeping, 12 hours in endodontics, 12 hours in crown and bridge, and three hours in ethics. The Board found that Dr. Treistman fell below the minimum standard of care in endodontics and prosthodontics for multiple patients. Dr. Treistman violated his duty of fair dealing by over treating and overcharging patients, he violated his duty of fair dealing and engaged in dishonorable and unprofessional conduct by charging for crowns made out of a more expensive material than was actually provided to five patients, and he failed to make, maintain, and keep adequate dental records for multiple patients.

**Vergara, Sandra, D.D.S., License No. 22597, Wichita Falls**

On July 14, 2017, the Board and Sandra Vergara, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a warning on her license, and requiring her to pay \$640 in restitution to the patient within 30 days, and to within six months pay a \$3,000 administrative monetary fine and complete six hours of continuing education courses in risk management and record keeping. The Board found that Dr. Vergara fell below the minimum standard of care in the dental treatment of a minor patient.

**Whitley, William, D.D.S., License No. 18712, Dallas**

On July 14, 2017, the Board and William Whitley, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a warning on his license, and to within six months pay a \$3,000 administrative monetary fine and complete 12 hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: six hours in periodontics and six hours in risk management and record keeping. The Board found that Dr. Whitley fell below the minimum standard of care and he failed to make, maintain, and keep adequate dental records.

**Yu, Ming, D.D.S., License No. 24399, Sugar Land**

On July 14, 2017, the Board and Ming Yu, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a warning on his license, and to within six months pay a \$2,000 administrative monetary fine and complete nine hours of continuing education courses divided up as follows: three hours in ethics and six hours in risk management and record keeping. The Board found that Dr. Yu fell below the minimum standard of care and he failed to make, maintain, and keep adequate dental records.

**PROFESSIONAL RECOVERY NETWORK / ENFORCED SUSPENSION**

**Stearhaseman, Aliakbar, D.D.S., License No. 28220, Houston**

On July 14, 2017, the Board and Aliakbar Stearhaseman, D.D.S., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order requiring him to complete a Professional Recovery Network (PRN) approved long term in-patient treatment program for chemical dependency and he shall make and maintain membership in PRN. He is required to abide by and participate with all terms and conditions of the PRN. The Board found that Dr. Stearhaseman has been addicted to or habitually intemperate in the use of alcoholic beverages or drugs. Dr. Stearhaseman's license will be under enforced suspension until he completes the requirements of the order and then he will be under fully probated suspension for the five years following the end of the enforced suspension.

## **DISHONORABLE AND UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

### **Reyna, Veronica, R.D.A., Registration No. 37298, Houston**

On July 14, 2017, the Board and Veronica Rayna, R.D.A., entered into an Agreed Settlement Order imposing a reprimand on her license and requiring her to within six months complete three hours of continuing education courses in ethics. The Board found Ms. Reyna pleaded guilty to the Class A misdemeanor offense of Theft and received 18 months community supervision. This constitutes dishonorable conduct.

## **CONSENT ORDERS**

### **Brown, Courtney, R.D.H., License No. 21625, Grapevine**

On July 14, 2017, the Board issued Dental Hygiene License Number 21625 to Courtney Brown and imposed the remainder of the five years probated suspension that was previously imposed upon her R.D.A. registration on November 8, 2013 on her dental hygiene license. Ms. Browning is required to provide a copy of this order to all dentists under which she is employed during the effective period of the suspension. The Board found that Ms. Brown was convicted of DWi – 2<sup>nd</sup> in October 2012.

### **Browning, Madisen, R.D.H., License No. 21624, Bryan**

On July 14, 2017, the Board issued Dental Hygiene License Number 21624 to Madisen Browning and imposed a reprimand on her license. Ms. Browning is required to provide a copy of this order to all dentists under which she is employed during the six months following the date of the order. The Board found that Ms. Browning received deferred adjudication for the misdemeanor offense of Fail to Identify Giving False/Fictitious Information in the County Court at Law 1 of Brazos County, Texas on or about October 2, 2016.

### **Castro, Marcos, R.D.A. Registration No. 96828, Brownsville**

On July 14, 2017, the Board issued Dental Assistant Registration Number 96828 to Marcos Castro and imposed a reprimand on his registration. Mr. Castro is required to undergo evaluation by the Texas Professional Recovery Network (PRN) and must join, maintain membership and fulfill all membership requirements if deemed necessary by PRN and Mr. Castro is required to provide a copy of this order to all dentists under which he is employed during the six months from the date of this order. The Board found that Mr. Castro pled guilty to and received deferred adjudication for the misdemeanor offenses of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz. and Assault Causes Bodily Injury in the Cameron County Court at Law 2 in Brownsville, Texas on or about April 10, 2012. Mr. Castro was convicted of the misdemeanor offense of Driving While Intoxicated in the Cameron County Court at Law 2 in Brownsville, Texas on or about August 27, 2015.

### **Esthay-Mohammed, Alissa, R.D.A. Registration No. 98629, Groves**

On July 14, 2017, the Board issued Dental Assistant Registration Number 96829 to Alissa Esthay-Mohammed and imposed a reprimand on her registration. Ms. Esthay-Mohammed is required to undergo evaluation by the Texas Professional Recovery Network (PRN) and must join, maintain membership and fulfill all membership requirements if deemed necessary by PRN and Ms. Esthay-Mohammed is required to provide a copy of this order to all dentists under which she is employed during the six months from the date of this order. The Board found that Ms. Esthay-Mohammed was convicted of the misdemeanor offense of Driving Under the Influence in the General District Court of the City of Norfolk, Virginia on or about July 12, 2012. Ms. Esthay-Mohammed was convicted of the misdemeanor offense of Driving While Intoxicated in the Jefferson County Court at Law No. 2 in Beaumont, Texas on or about October 22, 2015.

**Hall, Christina, R.D.A. Registration No. 96831, Mabank**

On July 14, 2017, the Board issued Dental Assistant Registration Number 96831 to Christina Hall and imposed one year of fully probated suspension. Ms. Hall is required to provide a copy of this order to all dentists under which she is employed during the year of the probationary period. The Board found that Ms. Hall received deferred adjudication for the misdemeanor offense of Theft of Property  $\geq \$500$   $< \$1500$  in the Lamar County Court in Paris, Texas on or about February 2, 2012. Ms. Hall was convicted of the misdemeanor offense of Attempted Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 195<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court in Dallas, Texas on or about April 11, 2014.

**Wiley, Robin, R.D.A. Registration No. 96832, Copperas Cove**

On July 14, 2017, the Board issued Dental Assistant Registration Number 96832 to Robin Wiley and imposed five years of fully probated suspension. Ms. Wiley is required to provide a copy of this order to all dentists under which she is employed during the year of the probationary period. The Board found that Ms. Wiley was convicted of the felony offense of Possession of a Controlled Substance PG 1  $< 1g$  in the 27<sup>th</sup> District Court for Belton, Texas on or about June 5, 2008. Ms. Wiley received deferred adjudication for the felony offense of Tampering with a Government Record with Defraud/Harm in the 27<sup>th</sup> District Court for Belton, Texas on or about October 3, 2011.

**Wilford, Vantashia, R.D.A. Registration No. 96833, Celina**

On July 14, 2017, the Board issued Dental Assistant Registration Number 96833 to Vantashia Wilford and imposed a reprimand on her license. Ms. Wilford is required to provide a copy of this order to all dentists under which she is employed during the six months following the date of the order. The Board found that Ms. Wilford received deferred adjudication for the misdemeanor offense of Theft of Services \$20 – 500 in the County Criminal Court No. 2 in Tarrant County, Texas on or about July 23, 2015.

**Young, Darla, R.D.A. Registration No. 94522, Houston**

On July 14, 2017, the Board issued Dental Assistant Registration Number 94522 to Darla Young and imposed three years of fully probated suspension. Ms. Young is required to provide a copy of this order to all dentists under which she is employed during the year of the probationary period. The Board found that Ms. Young was convicted of the felony offense of Theft of Property  $\geq \$1,500$   $< \$20K$  in the 182<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Houston, Texas on or about June 24, 1998. Ms. Young was convicted of the felony offense of Tampering With Government Records/Insurance Documents in the 400<sup>th</sup> District Court of Richmond, Texas on or about July 29, 2010.

The TSBDE encourages consumers to utilize the “Search Disciplinary Actions” tool on its website to research any Texas dental services provider. If you have concerns about a Texas dental services provider, TSBDE encourages you to contact its office at 512-463-6400 or email at [complaints@tsbde.texas.gov](mailto:complaints@tsbde.texas.gov).

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